

Attorney Docket No.: ISPH-0588  
Inventors: Crooke et al.  
Serial No.: 09/918,026  
Filing Date: July 30, 2001  
Page 2

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human acyl-CoA cholesterol acyltransferase-2 (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with inhibits the expression of a nucleic acid molecule encoding human acyl CoA cholesterol acyltransferase-2.

11. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length which specifically hybridizes with at least an 8-nucleobase portion of an active site on a nucleic acid molecule encoding human acyl CoA cholesterol acyltransferase-2 (SEQ ID NO: 3).

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

The pending claims have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I, claims 1-14 drawn to a compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding acyl CoA